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PATENT

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

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This responds to the Office Action mailed March 29, 2006. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.